

## COVID-19 Update (April 27, 2020, 4 p.m.)

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This is a summary of the City of Santa Clara's latest response efforts along with impacts to local events and City programs/services due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency.

### **Current Developments**

- Today, April 27, Bay Area health officers announced that the Shelter-in-Place order will be extended in seven jurisdictions, including Santa Clara County, through May.
  - Details about the next phase of the shelter-in-place orders will be provided later this week.
  - According to the joint statement, the new order will include limited easing of specific restrictions for a small number of lower-risk activities.
  - The health officers will also release a set of broad indicators to track progress on COVID-19 preparedness and response, in alignment with the framework used by the State of California.
  - o For more details, view the joint statement.
- Also, today at 10:30 a.m. Eastern Time, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) resumed accepting Paycheck Protection Program loan applications from approved lenders on behalf of any eligible borrower.
  - The Paycheck Protection Program is an SBA loan that helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the coronavirus crisis.
  - For details, visit the SBA website.



- Many organizations are making it easier for the public to help those who need it the most during this pandemic.
  - Visit the City's <u>Coronavirus Donations webpage</u> for information about how you can give back to the community at this time.

# **Meetings**

The City Council will hold its next meeting at 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2020. View the agenda.

- There is now a new way for the public to participate in Council meetings remotely.
  - Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the City of Santa Clara has implemented methods for the public to participate remotely:
    - Via Zoom:
      - Meeting ID: 997-0675-9306
      - Joining via computer, visit https://zoom.us/join
        - To address the Council on an agenda item, click "raise hand."
      - Joining via phone: 1-669-900-6833
        - To address the Council on an agenda item, hit \*9 on the phone.
    - Via the City's eComment (available during the meeting)
    - Via email to PublicComment@santaclaraca.gov
- For individuals who do not have the above access, the City Cafeteria has been set up to accommodate up to 10 people at a time and public comment will be given from that location.
- With the heightened "Stay at Home" order by the State and the continued order by the County, the Mayor will be present for the meeting with Councilmembers and department heads participating remotely. A limited number of staff will also be present. The meeting set-up is in line with the recommendations of the COVID-19 White House Task Force, which notes no more than 10 people gatherings.
- As usual, the public can view the meetings on <u>SantaClaraCA.gov</u>, Santa Clara City Television (Comcast cable channel 15 or AT&T U-verse channel 99), or the livestream on the City's YouTube channel or Facebook page.



## **City Programs and Services**

## **Parks & Recreation Department**

- The City has implemented Federal, State, County and local health and safety protocols to limit the spread of coronavirus in City parks.
- These practices include the posting of signs at all public park buildings and restrooms, and the closure of facilities playgrounds, tennis courts, sport fields, off-leash dog areas, as well as the cancellation of organized recreational activities, classes, picnic and building reservations, and special events.
- The County's order allows for essential services, emergency services and limited/specific public recreation exceptions such as walking, hiking and running.
- The Parks & Recreation Department's grounds maintenance workers will be addressing essential grounds maintenance services in parks including trash and debris removal, tree and brush hazards, pathway cleaning and turf mowing.
- The public is strongly encouraged to follow the Shelter-in-Place order and to practice social distancing, including from the City's grounds maintenance crews while they conduct designated essential grounds maintenance and other Disaster Service Worker duties.

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